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1. EMBASSY'S REPORTING EFFORTS WILL CONTINUE TO BE CONCENTRATED ON EVENTS OR ISSUES WHICH CONCERN AGREED U.S. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES IN ICELAND. SINCE WORKLOAD REQUIREMENTS AND TIMING OF MANY MAJOR REPORTS ARE NOT PREDICTABLE, EMBASSY'S RECOMMENDATIONS ON OUR REPORTING PROGRAM ARE DIVIDED INTO TWO PARTS: PART I COVERS MAJOR GENERAL EVENTS WHICH WILL PROBABLY ABSORB BULK OF EMBASSY TIME AND RESOURCES BUT FOR WHICH NO PRECISE TIMING OR LIST OF SPECIFIC TOPICS IS POSSIBLE; PART II PROVIDES LIST OF PROPOSED REPORTS WHICH LEND THEMSELVES MORE READILY TO SCHEDULING. PART II WOULD SUPPLEMENT EMBASSY SCHEDULED REPORTING PROGRAMS SUCH AS CERP, ETC. EMBASSY WOULD WELCOME EUR/NE COMMENTS AS WELL AS ANY SUGGESTED ADDITION OR DELETIONS.

2. PART I.

A. MUNICIPAL AND NATIONAL ELECTIONS IN ICELAND (IN MAY AND JUNE RESPECTIVELY), AND FORMATION OF NEW GOVERNMENT FOLLOWING ELECTIONS;

B. POLICIES AND PROGRAMS OF NEW GOVERNMENT AND
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THEIR IMPACT ON US GOALS AND OBJECTIVES;

C. SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS OR EVENTS THAT INVOLVE OR AFFECT OPERATIONS OF U.S.-MANNED NATO BASE;

D. ICELAND'S ECONOMIC STABILITY AND ICELANDIC GOVERNMENT EFFORTS TO DEAL WITH MAJOR ECONOMIC PROBLEMS INCLUDING SOARING INFLATION, DECLINING FISH STOCKS, MOUNTING FOREIGN INDEBTEDNESS, ETC.;

E. GOI POSITION ON MULTILATERAL ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE
TO U.S.;

F. PROBLEMS AND DISPUTES INVOLVING ORGANIZED LABOR.

3. PART II.

SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY OF RESOURCES, EMBASSY PLANS
TO SUBMIT ANALYTICAL REPORTS ON FOLLOWING SUBJECTS AT
APPROXIMATE TIMES INDICATED:

GEOTHERMAL POWER: AN UP-DATE ON THE KRAFLA PROJECT.
RESPONSIBLE SECTION: ECON. DUE DATE MAY, 1978.

THE PROGRESSIVE PARTY: ITS PAST, PRESENT AND SCHIZE-
PHRENIA. RESPONSIBLE SECTION: POL. DUE DATE JULY, 1978.

THE VIABILITY OF LOFTLEIDIR IN THE AGE OF FREDDY LAKER.
RESPONSIBLE SECTION: ECON. DUE DATE SEPTEMBER, 1978.

IS ICELAND EVOLVING TOWARD A CITY STATE? RESPONSIBLE
SECTION: POL/DCM. DUE DATE OCTOBER, 1978.

ICELAND AMONG THE NORDICS: RESPONSIBLE SECTIONS:
CONS/POL. DUE DATE NOVEMBER, 1978.

THE ICELANDIC PRIME CONTRACTOR. RESPONSIBLE SECTIONS:
ECON/POL. DUE DATE NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 1978.

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THE PRESENT AND FUTURE OF SOCIAL DEMOCRACY IN ICELAND.
RESPONSIBLE SECTION: POL. DUE DATE DECEMBER 1978.

ICELAND'S LINKS WITH THE EEC AND EFTA. RESPONSIBLE
SECTIONS: CONS/ECON/POL. DUE DATE JANUARY, 1979.

THE LABOR MOVEMENT IN ICELAND: LEFT, LEFT AND CENTER.
RESPONSIBLE SECTIONS: POL/ECON. DUE DATE JANUARY 1979.

PATTERNS OF EMIGRATION. RESPONSIBLE SECTION: CONS.
DUE DATE FEBRUARY 1979.

4. COMMENT: EMBASSY WISHES TO NOTE THAT SCHEDULE IN
PART II IS TENTATIVE PLANNING DOCUMENT AND SUBJECT TO
CHANGE. GIVEN OUR AUSTERE STAFFING, MAJOR UNFORESEEN
DEVELOPMENTS, ESPECIALLY CONCERNING NATIONAL ELECTIONS
AND FORMATION OF NEW GOVERNMENT, COULD ABSORB
EVEN MORE TIME THAN WE CURRENTLY ANTICIPATE, THEREBY
NECESSITATING CHANGES IN TIMING OR POSSIBLE POSTPONE-
MENT OF CERTAIN PART II REPORTS.

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